



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) The office of the Chief
2 State's Attorney shall establish a pilot program to serve the
3 geographical area courts for New Haven, New London and Norwich
4 in the judicial districts of New Haven and New London in identifying
5 and tracking the homeless, addicted or mentally ill persons entering
6 the criminal justice system.

7 (b) The office of the state's attorney for each such judicial district
8 shall screen in order to identify and track persons arrested who are
9 homeless, drug addicted or mentally ill for intensive assistance, and
10 shall refer such persons to diversion programs, counseling, treatment,
11 housing assistance and reentry programs in an effort to stabilize such
12 person and prevent future arrests of such person, provided the office
13 retains the discretion to dispose of any case in any manner, with a
14 focus on alternatives to incarceration and that the court shall maintain

15 jurisdiction over the cases to ensure compliance with any ordered
16 treatment or counseling.

17 (c) The Chief State's Attorney shall establish policies and procedures
18 to implement the pilot program required by this section and, on or
19 before February 1, 2019, shall submit a report to the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
22 statutes, concerning the implementation of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide enhanced community services to those in the criminal justice system to address their physical, mental and community needs, assist in community reentry and avoid recidivism.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]